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SUBJECT: MESSAGE DELIVERED THAT U.S. IS NOT RUNNING FOR UN
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Polcouns delivered reftel message April 7 in a meeting with Shafqat Ali Khan, Director for Human Rights in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' United Nations and Policy Planning Directorate. Khan expressed regret that the United States would not be running for a seat on the UN Human Rights Council this year, explaining that U.S. participation would strengthen the Council and that as a small nation Pakistan generally favored strong international institutions. Khan was pleased that the United States intended to run for a seat next year.

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